

Philippines

GENERAL RELATIONS

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PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CONCERNING FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR REPRESENTATION

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, considering that in accordance with the expressed will of the Congress and people of the United States of America and of the Congress and people of the Philippines, the political ties which have united these two peoples are to be dissolved on July 4, 1946.

Considering also the mutual desire that the friendship and affection which have long existed between the two peoples shall be reaffirmed and continued without interruption for all time, and

Desiring to establish a basis for relations between the Governments of the two countries pending the conclusion, by established constitutional processes, of definitive treaties,

Do now make of record this provisional agreement concerning friendly relations and diplomatic and consular representation.

ARTICLE I

The Government of the United States of America recognizes the Republic of the Philippines as a separate, independent and self-governing nation and acknowledges the authority and control of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines over the territory of the Philippine Islands.

ARTICLE II

The Government of the United States of America will notify the Governments with which it has diplomatic relations of the independence of the Republic of the Philippines and will invite those Governments to recognize the Republic of the Philippines as a member of the family of nations.

ARTICLE III

The diplomatic representatives of each contracting party shall enjoy in the territories of the other the privileges and immunities derived from generally recognized international law. The consular representatives of each contracting party, duly provided with exequaturs, shall be permitted to reside in the territories of the other; they shall enjoy the privileges and immunities accorded to such officers by general international usage; and they shall not be treated in a manner less favorable than similar officers of any third country.

ARTICLE IV

The two contracting parties mutually agree that they will forthwith enter into negotiations for the conclusion of treaties and agreements regulating relations between the two countries, including a treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation, an executive agreement relating to trade, a general relations treaty, a consular convention, and other treaties and agreements as may be necessary, and will endeavor to conclude these instruments as soon as may be possible.

ARTICLE V

This provisional agreement shall enter into force upon signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this provisional agreement at Manila this fourth day of July, one thousand nine hundred forty-six.

For the Government of the United States of America:

PAUL V. McNUTT [SEAL]

For the Government of the Republic of the Philippines:

MANUEL ROXAS [SEAL]